



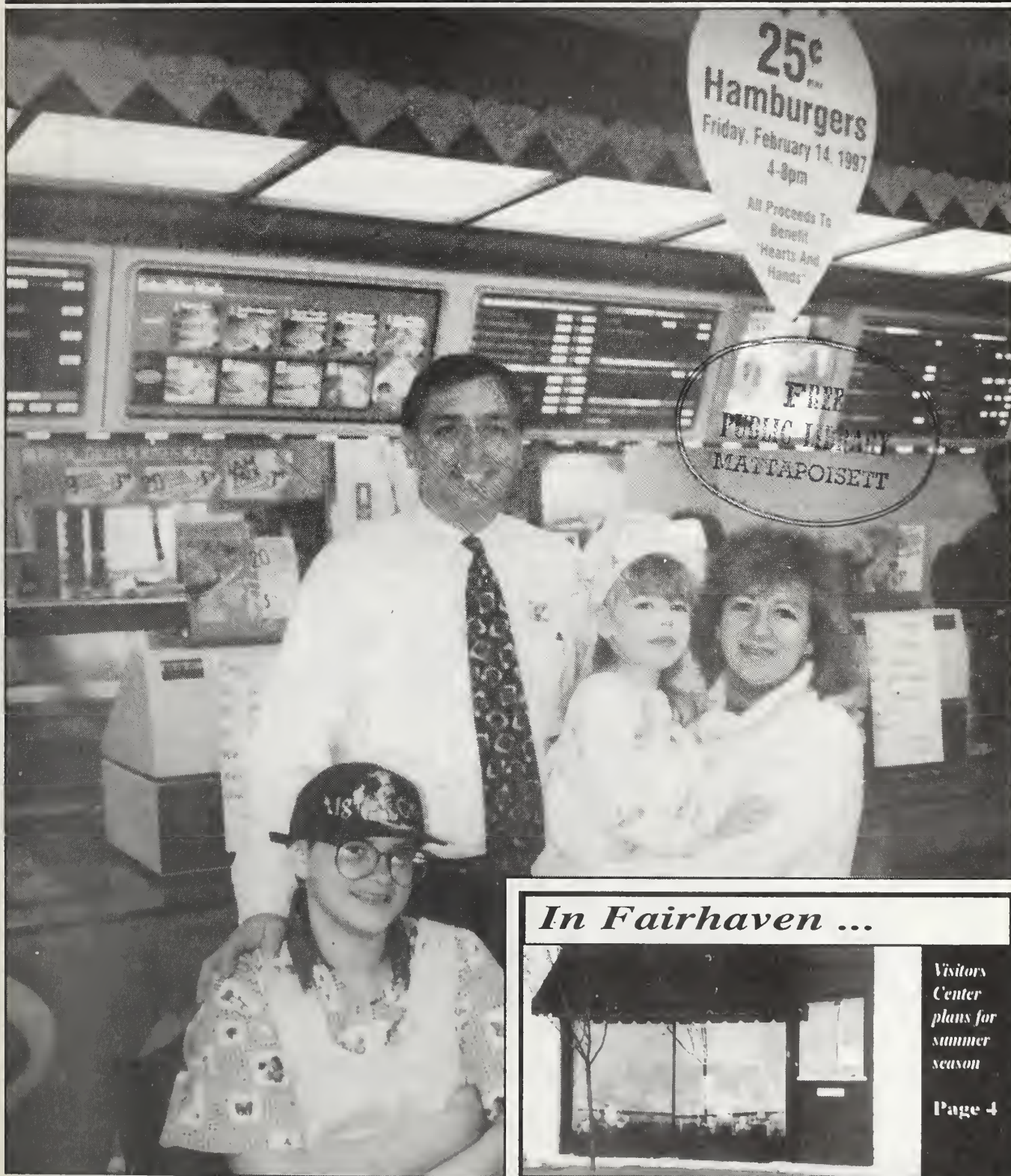
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Hearts & Hands Lends Love and Support

By Kenneth J. Souza

While Valentine's Day for most is a holiday to remember and cherish the loved ones in your life, a local non-profit organization is learning that love can also extend to those outside your immediate family ... sometimes even to those you don't know.

Hearts & Hands of Mattapoisett, a Christian organization dedicated to providing free physical, emotional, and spiritual support to medically-fragile children and their families, recently announced the formation of their first Parent Support Group. According to Pat Gardner of Hearts & Hands, this group was formed to provide concrete tools and experiences and feelings for parents. The group has scheduled monthly meeting sessions through July which will be facilitated by professionals in the particular area of interest.

There will also be two fund raisers this week to benefit Hearts & Hands. The first will take place at Cerulli's in the Ropewalk Mall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. On Thursday, February 13 and Friday, February 14, customers can make a donation of any amount to the Hearts & Hands group and thereby purchase their pick of the many decorated hearts on display at the restaurant.

In addition, there will be a fund raiser on Valentine's Day (Friday, February 14) at the McDonald's Restaurant on Route 6 in Fairhaven. The restaurant will be selling 25-cent hamburgers between 4:00 and 8:00 pm, and patrons can also take the opportunity to purchase one of the hearts created by some of the many children which Hearts & Hands supports for \$1 each. All proceeds from this event will support the work of the Hearts & Hands organization.

"This is our twentieth anniversary at this location and we decided we wanted to do something special to help out the area," said Joe Winterhalter, owner of the Fairhaven McDonald's. "(Hearts & Hands) is a small organization ... that I read about in the newspaper and I contacted them to offer our support. We're hoping people will come down (Friday) and buy a heart, buy a burger, and help out a worthwhile cause."

The area behind the restaurant's front counter is decorated with several hearts announcing the special fund raiser this weekend and also displaying the work of the children who benefit from this selfless effort.

One such beneficiary is Carol Mercer of Fairhaven and her five-year-old daughter Kayce, who suffers from involuntary seizures. "About one year ago, Pat Gardner called me and offered me a medal touched by Mother Theresa during her visit to New Bedford," Ms. Mercer said. "She thought it might help Kayce. Since then, we've gotten a great deal of support from (Hearts & Hands)."

Marsha Haskell of Wareham and her daughter, Stephanie (who is confined to a wheelchair), have also found comfort and support from the Hearts & Hands organization. "When (Stephanie) has to go to Boston I

have to drive an hour and a half," Ms. Haskell said. "I was looking for local support but I couldn't find anyone in the area. I knew about Pat (Gardner) and Hearts & Hands and I contacted them. Now, (Stephanie) has a place to go where other kids are sick."

Stephanie has also become one of Hearts & Hands brightest stars, having used her own talents to decorate some of the many wooden hearts which are being sold at local shops to benefit the organization. She said she enjoys making the hearts and appreciates everything Hearts & Hands has done for her.

The newly-formed Parent Support Group of Hearts & Hands will offer the following sessions free-of-charge to any parents or family members who may be facing the challenges of dealing with a medically-fragile child. Meetings will be held at the White Home of St. Luke's Hospital from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Pre-registration is encouraged. The topics will include:

- February 17 - "Accessing Health Care Resources ... Questions and Answers";
- March 17 - "Why Us God ... Finding Comfort

On the cover: McDonald's owner Joe Winterhalter (second from left) poses with (l. to r.) Stephanie Haskell, Kayce Mercer, and Carol Mercer at the Fairhaven restaurant. The establishment will be sponsoring a fund raiser for Mattapoisett's Hearts & Hands on Valentine's Day to benefit Stephanie, Kayce, and many other local children. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: The Fairhaven Visitor's Center on Center Street is staffed by members of the Fairhaven Tourism Committee. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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From Venus ... Coping Together Under Fire";

• June 23 - "Taking Care of Self ... Care for the
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• July 21 - "Focus on the Family ... It Affects
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Further information on any of the upcoming
Hearts & Hands events — or on the organization itself —
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In talking to the many people which the
organization has helped during its tenure, one thing is
certain: Hearts & Hands has managed to fill a void which
desperately needed to be filled.

"In other areas, there are (various support)
groups, but there's nothing down here," said Ms. Haskell.
"We had nothing until we found (Hearts & Hands), and
they've helped us a lot."

Fairhaven Tourism

Office Plans to Publicize Summer Events

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism has announced
that the annual list of Summer Events in Fairhaven will be
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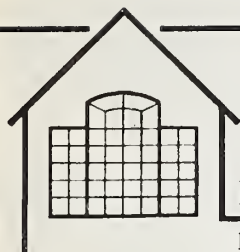
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The brochure is printed by the Office of Tourism, funded by the town's hotel room tax. It is distributed FREE and there is no cost for having an event listed.

"The Summer Events list will be given out at the Fairhaven and New Bedford Visitors Centers, as well as at local motels and B&Bs," said Christopher J. Richard, Director of Tourism. "It will be included with our new guide book in mailings to those who respond to the ads we're running. I also mail and fax these lists to regional newspapers, travel publications, broadcast media, and

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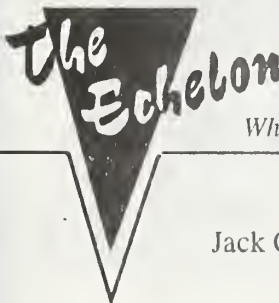
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Mr. Richard noted that several of the town's larger events are already listed in the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism calendar of events for 1997 and in the town's own Visitors Guide book. "People all across the country are learning about Homecoming, the Father's Day Road Race, the Manjiro Festival, and other Fairhaven activities," Mr. Richard said, adding that the Office of Tourism can only promote such events if the sponsoring groups supply him with the information.

Publicity notices should include the following: name of event and sponsoring group, date(s), time(s), location, address, admissions prices (if any), a brief description of the event, handicapped accessibility, and the name and telephone number of a person who may be contacted if more information is needed. Additional details about specific performers or artists, types of food served, or other notes of interest should be included as well.

The Office of Tourism hours are: Monday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 11, 1996

By Dionne F. Richmond

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday February 11, 1996 at 7:00 pm by. Selectman Paul E. Lambalot called the meeting to order. Also present were Selectman Michele C. Bernier and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Chairman John N. DeCosta was unable to attend the meeting.

At 7:00 pm the Board met with Natural Resource Officer Brian Nunes and Division of Marine Fisheries representative Greg Sawyer to discuss the recent request to reduce the digging depth for commercial quahogging. Mr. Nunes said he had "no problem" changing the regulations, but said state laws recommend biological surveys be conducted on the areas before doing so. He also said public comments and a public hearing would also be useful to determine what should be done. The subject has stirred some controversy in town, he said.

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Mr. Sawyer said he commended the two high school students for their actions and he encouraged their involvement. He said he would recommend finding out the quantity of quahogs in specific areas before making any decisions. Setting aside certain coves for digging each year works the best he said.

Mr. Nunes said they are considering potential areas. "We have a few areas we're kicking around, we've had public comment for and against (this proposal)," commented Mr. Nunes. "We have to take a good look at this," he added. The four areas set aside for family quahogging permits are Shining Tides, Angelica Point, Pine Island Road and Brandt Island Cove. These areas are off limits for commercial use. Mr. Nunes said many towns have no depth perception restrictions at all because

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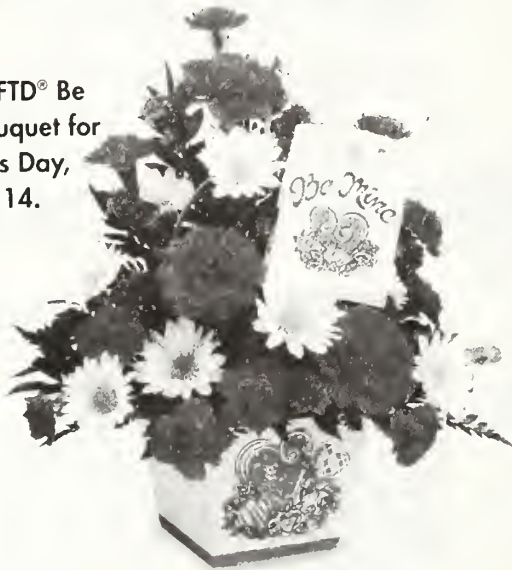
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it is difficult to enforce them. The Division of Marine Fisheries will assist the town with the survey and other technicalities. The two young men said they would like to get started as soon as possible. Both Mr. Nunes and Mr. Sawyer said they would try to get the ball rolling. They agreed to meet with the Board in 30 days for an update. "Who knows, we might even be done by then," said Mr. Nunes.

Incoming correspondence for the week included:

- Natural Resource Officer Nunes recommended that commercial quahogging be open from Rycroft Point to Mansfield's Pier. Inner Molly's Cove should remain closed because of high tide density of shellfish seed in the area. The remainder of the town will remain closed to all commercial quahogging. Ms. Adams explained this was the normal yearly procedure. The board unanimously approved this request.

- Selectmen also announced an annual report cover contest. If you are a town resident artist, photographer or like to dabble in paints, the Board of Selectmen invite you to participate in a contest to select a cover for the next annual Town Report. Entry forms and contest information may be obtained by contacting Melody Pacheco in the Selectmen's office or by stopping by the town hall no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, March 14. There is no age limit. The subject should be town related.

- The Master Plan Study Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm in room 203 of the Town Hall. The Open Space Committee is also holding a meeting at this time in another room in the Town Hall.

- Mary Edmiston, Director of the YMCA Youth and Family Center submitted a letter commending the Fire Department, Police Department and the Old Rochester Regional School Department during a recent fire at the camp. "All of the employees were genuinely concerned for our welfare and acted as true neighbors. The YMCA salutes them all!"

- Robert Atkinson, Library Trustee, submitted a letter to the Board with regard to trim painting at the library. Ms. Adams noted she has contacted someone from the Plymouth County Prison to discuss this request. They will consider this request along with others from several other towns.

- John Folino also sent a letter about the Industrial Drive and North Street entrance to the Corporate Park. "I did discuss some time ago the problem associated with tractor trailer trucks when leaving Industrial Drive and making a right turn to Route 195. This problem has been exacerbated by the fact that these rigs now are up to 53' long and many more of them



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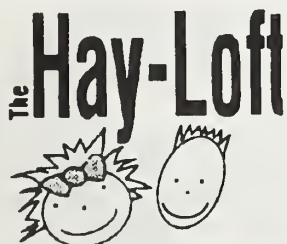


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"The road must be reviewed by a traffic engineer from the state who could spend an hour or two just sitting at the entrance and observing what happens." The Board will review their notes from their last meeting with Mr. Folino to see what was determined.

•Josephine Pannel also sent a letter on behalf of the Council on Aging, thanking the Board for meeting with them last Saturday morning to consider various budget requests.

•The Board also received from the Planning Board, a copy of a memo from Stephen Rand, Brandt Island Corp., requesting an extension to the deadline for submission of the Definitive Subdivision plan.

After reviewing correspondence, the Board unanimously voted to meet in Executive Session with the Finance Committee to discuss a land acquisition. They would adjourn after the meeting.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 11, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Albert E. Winters, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

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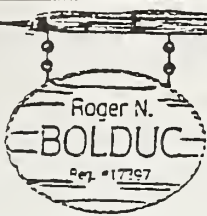
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After signing treasury warrant #33 for the week and approving the minutes of the February 4 meeting, the board unanimously granted permission for use of Washburn Park on September 7 for a Dog Show and also granted permission for use of the field behind the Marion Town House on July 25 for a Marion Social Club outing.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from John D. Riordan, Register of the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, requesting the board's support to maintain county government in Massachusetts. There have been efforts in the legislature to abolish county government and turn over all authority to local and municipal agencies. "We believe that the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds should remain within the county system," Mr. Riordan

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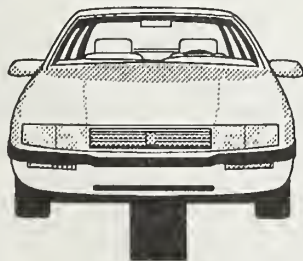
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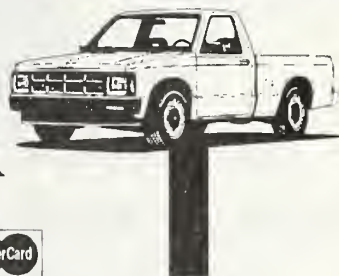


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Kimberly Wheeler of Joanne Drive next sent a letter of thanks to the board for supporting the continuation of the music program at UMass Dartmouth. Ms. Wheeler attended last week's Selectmen's meeting and asked for the board's support in this matter. The university is considering dropping the music major due to financial constraints. Selectman Schaefer added that another parent of a former UMass Dartmouth music major called her last week to thank the board for supporting the program.

The Dexter Beach Improvement Association next sent a letter to the board regarding the marking of all streets as per state law for Emergency-911 identification. According to Association Treasurer Paul Francis, "We felt it would be safer to rename our Oak Street (since there are at least three Oak Streets in Marion). While we were at it, we felt it would also be more beneficial if we combined First Street, Doran Way, and Second Street by just renaming it all Doran Way."

Mr. Pickles noted that the association would have to submit a map to the Assessor's office with the recommended street name change and also advised that the matter needed to be approved by the Planning Board.

The Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester Housing Co-Op, Inc. next noted that at their February 3 meeting, they voted to request an appropriation of \$200 from each of the three towns for the 1997-1998 fiscal year. The board unanimously voted to forward this request to the Finance Committee (FinCom) for their recommendation.

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State Senator Marc Pacheco next sent a copy of the bill he's filed (S. 1153) to establish distinctive registration (license) plates for the area, with proceeds to go toward coastal management or environmental purposes in the town where the vehicle is registered. This so-called "coastal community" license plate would be akin to the whaling license plate in New Bedford.

The board received notification of a meeting sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the proposed revisions to the Department Approved Recycling Programs (DARP). The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Boston. Mr. Pickles noted that the state is tightening up their regulations on recycling and added that communities throughout the state are experiencing a five-year low in terms of collecting recyclables.

At 7:15 pm the board met with New Bedford City Councillor David Alves, who is also the Municipal Government Representative for the United Way of Greater New Bedford. Mr. Alves came before the board to seek Marion's support in soliciting contributions from town employees for the United Way and its many programs. According to Mr. Alves, he was "surprised" when he learned that Marion had not participated in last year's fund raising campaign.

"The United Way represents 31 different agencies but it also provides support to many programs in the immediate area," Mr. Alves said. "There were 914 families in Marion who were served by the United Way last year."

The board unanimously voted to place an

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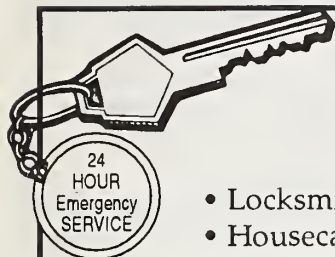
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informational brochure and contribution form in the town employees' next paycheck, along with a letter of support asking them to contribute to the United Way. "In reality, any program that benefits any town in the area, benefits Marion," Selectman Winters said.

Mr. Pickles then asked the board to sign and approve a contract between the Town of Marion and Nuwather, Inc. of Attleboro, Massachusetts to provide the ultraviolet disinfectant equipment which will be installed at the town's wastewater treatment facility. "The contract has been reviewed by (Town Counsel) ... and he had some issues regarding insurance requirements and statutory references in the contract," Mr. Pickles said. "These matters will be addressed in an attached letter."

Mr. Pickles noted that upon approval of the contract,

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the company will order the equipment and installation should be completed by June. "Ultraviolet disinfectant is the desired method of cleaning effluent," he said. "We've also given permission to the golf course developers in Mattapoisett to contact CDM Engineering regarding the use of (Marion's) effluent to irrigate the golf course. This is an acceptable ground treatment application ... which will also allow us to reduce our detention time (in the lagoons)."

"This (method) will also greatly improve the quality of discharge into Aucoot Cove," Selectman Winters said.

The board unanimously voted to sign and approve the contract with Nuwather, Inc., and also unanimously voted to sign and approve a contract with Araco Sewer and Drain, Inc. of South Easton, Massachusetts to conduct an infiltration removal and repair of the sewer system through the center area of town.

Mr. Pickles said Mr. and Mrs. William Hill, who own property immediately south of the Point Road School Memorial Playground, contacted him again since last week's meeting and have said they want to sell the pie-shaped parcel to the town. The parcel in question — which has been identified by the Open Space Committee as an opportune way to expand the playground — has been assessed at \$44,200. Mr. Pickles wanted to know the board's intentions regarding the property. The Selectmen agreed it would be in the town's best interest to purchase the parcel, and advised that an article should be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to allocate funding for this purpose.

Selectman Winters noted that he received a letter from Continental Cablevision advising that Marion cable subscribers will be receiving a one-time credit for \$3.11 in their March bills. Mr. Winters said the difference is to make up for an original estimate the company calculated which was a big higher than the actual cost.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:50 pm.

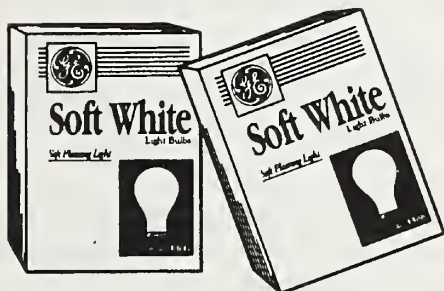
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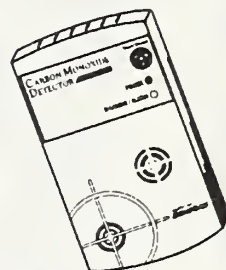
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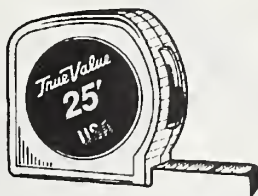
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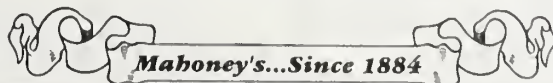


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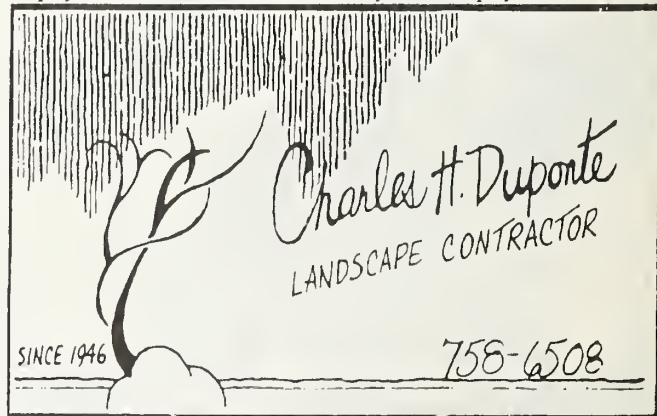
February 10, 1997

By Dionne F. Richmond

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes. Also present were Selectman Richard D. Cutler, Selectman William D. Chamberlain, and Executive Secretary Russell Dean.

After approving the minutes of the February 3 meeting, the board discussed Old Business and New Business for the week. Selectman Cutler said he attended the Annual Herring Meeting, which he called a "harmonious" one. Local Herring Inspectors are taking steps with the state to transfer about 5,000 herring from Snipatuit Pond to Leonard Pond. "It's nice to see everyone in agreement," Selectman Cutler said. Herring Inspector David Watling Jr. and Town Accountant Claudette Coutu were also asked to decipher multiple accounts from the state for the herring and come up with an article to combine the funds. The town is also considering hiring two deputies to assist with enforcement issues.

Selectman Chamberlain discussed his research on different options for Route 105 in Rochester. State Highway representatives said reconstructing the road is more feasible than taking it off the hands of the town. "Reconstructing is a better possibility than the state taking back the section," he explained. While the state is willing to pay for the reconstruction, they do not pay for



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engineering fees, he said. The project would be handled separately from Chapter 90 funds. Selectman Chamberlain explained the state probably wants to give away more roads to towns to maintain because of the shrinking maintenance budget.

Bids were also received to upgrade the overhead lights in the entire Town Hall. The Selectmen voted for the lowest bidder to proceed with the job as well as look into infrastructure upgrading for safety concerns. While doing preliminary inspection of the lights, it was noted that there are some wiring concerns that need to be addressed. "It will be cost-effective to do both at once," said Selectman Chamberlain.

At 7:30 pm the board met once again with Ken



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Foley of Pond View Excavating Company. After waiting for Edward Zyskowski to show up for the meeting, the board had no choice but to continue without him. Mr. Foley asked the board to allow him on the property on Pine Street to clean up the site he was working on until a cease and desist order was placed on Mr. Zyskowski's Earth Removal Permit when he neglected to pay his property taxes. Mr. Zyskowski has complained that Pond View did not fulfill their contract with him. Mr. Foley also asked the board to come up with a list of what needs to be done on the property and he would be more than happy to fix them.

Selectman Cutler explained their main concern is getting the property fixed. Selectman Chamberlain said that since Mr. Zyskowski had a dispute with Mr. Foley, he may want someone else to clean up the property. "Our hands are tied," said Chairman Hawkes. The board made a motion to get permission from Mr. Zyskowski to let Mr. Foley back on the property to take "corrective measures." The board unanimously approved this motion and will send a certified letter to assure Mr. Zyskowski responds.

The board also discussed the Dexter Lane Project with the Finance Committee (FinCom) who said they needed to know more about the project. FinCom Chairman Patricia Ryan said her committee hasn't met with the Park Commissioners yet and is uncertain how the grant works. Mr. Dean explained they need to look into the language of the grant to review the technicalities. The language on the grant says the full amount of \$135,000 needs to be appropriated, not raised Mr. Dean said. The town will be reimbursed \$50,000 from a state grant which the Conservation Agent obtained.

Ms. Ryan explained a similar situation had occurred in the past with the Rochester Memorial School. "We authorized spending of the full amount, but only raised our portion," she explained. "This is something the



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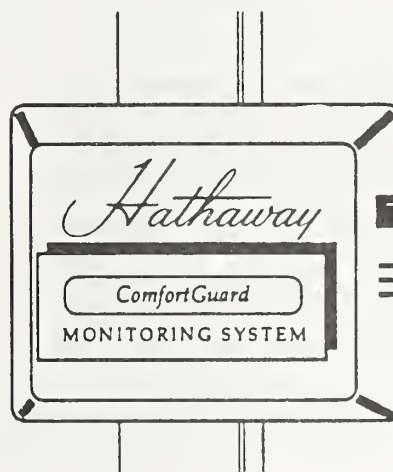


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Selectman Cutler explained once the land study was completed they would have a better idea. "Bill (Towers) says the study is almost done," he said. "Then we can figure it out." He agreed that he wants the project to go forward but also wanted to see a more detailed plan.

"Voters have to know it's an on-going process and it could cost more (in the long run)," Ms. Ryan said. Selectman Cutler agreed once the study is done it will be easier to make a commitment. When asked if money was available for the project, Ms. Ryan said the town's certified Free Cash figure is \$663,774. "How the Free Cash is used is at the discretion of the taxpayers," she said. "I haven't seen other articles." Prioritizing is important since the Free Cash figure has decreased from last year's figures, she added.

The money for the grant has to be approved by June 1, which means a Special Town Meeting has to be held shortly. Ms. Ryan said she wants to see the plans. "I couldn't ask (the FinCom) to support something we've never seen," she said. "I'm not saying I'm not supporting something pending seeing something. No one is opposed to recreation." A meeting will be scheduled with the FinCom and the Park Commissioners once the land plans are completed. The board agreed the town residents should also be educated about the project.

The board also received a request from Scott Muller of Pierce Street to serve on the Mary's Pond Beach Committee. The board will place his request on file, along with two other residents who have expressed interest in serving on the committee. The board asked that all other town residents who are interested in serving on the



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The board also officially appointed the following members to the Snipatuit Pond Committee: Melinda Kershaw, Ronald Boucher, Kerry Elkin, Jeffrey Eldridge, and Scott Weigel.

After discussing the school bond refinancing and other business, the board unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

February 10, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 10 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Everett L. Hardy Jr. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera, Selectman Robert J. St. Jean, and Executive Secretary Elaine G. Miranda.

Ms. Miranda noted that Ernest Jarvis had contacted the board expressing his interest in filling the vacancy on the town's Cable Television Committee in the wake of Matthew Goulet's recent resignation. The board



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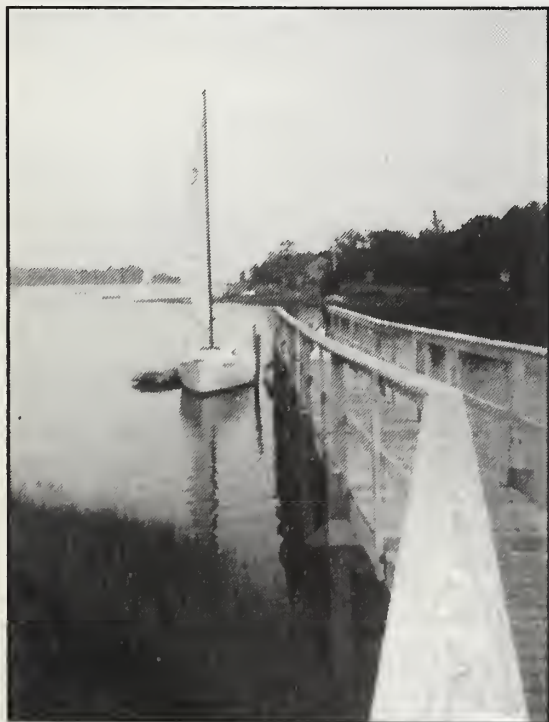
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asked that this information be forwarded to the Acushnet Cable TV Committee for their consideration.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a request from the American Legion to license a pinball machine in their headquarters on Hope Street. The board unanimously approved the request.

The Conservation Commission (ConCom) next sent a memo to the board advising that at their January 22 meeting they unanimously voted to recommend Mary Allison to fill the vacancy of Cynthia Haskell who recently resigned from the ConCom. Ms. Allison has been an associate member of the ConCom. They also advised that they would like Leonard Samerio to attend their next meeting and serve as an associate member to the ConCom. The Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Allison upon the recommendation of the ConCom.

The New Bedford Regional Airport Study Advisory Committee next notified the board that a meeting will be held on February 25 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Days Inn in New Bedford. The committee was also seeking the name of a representative for the Town of Acushnet. The board unanimously voted to appoint Selectman Koczera as the town's representative.

The board next received a copy of a letter from Hector Roy to Building Commissioner James Buckles regarding the Hen House Family Restaurant. The board agreed to hold this matter until Mr. Buckles had an opportunity to respond.

Safety Officer Paul Melo and Police Chief Michael Poitras next submitted information to the board and a survey of traffic on Main Street in response to residents' requests for a reduced speed limit along the road between Town Hall and Hamlin Street. The board agreed to schedule a meeting with the Safety Committee and Chief Poitras on March 3 at 7:00 pm to discuss this matter further.



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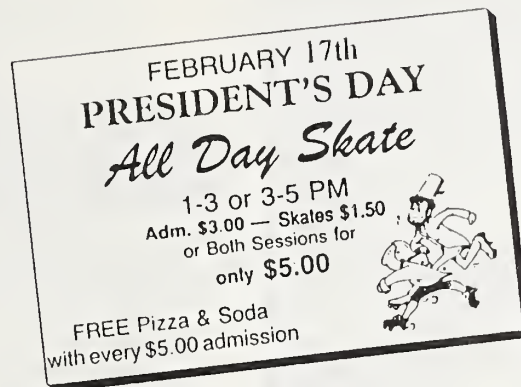
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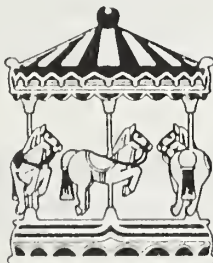


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At 6:30 pm the board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Adrienne Rivet to discuss a personnel matter.

At 7:15 pm the board reconvened in Open Session to meet with the Board of Health (BOH) regarding their requested withdrawal from the Acushnet/Marion/Rochester Regional Health District. Chairman Hardy said the BOH wanted to "set the record straight" about their motives for breaking from the district.

"This isn't (the Acushnet Board of Health's) sole decision to withdraw from the district," said BOH Chairman Gerald Toussaint. "It's a mutual agreement between all three towns. We feel it's in the best interest of Acushnet ... we don't have enough time with the Health Agent and we feel we're better off withdrawing and going with (our own) Health Agent."

Selectman St. Jean added that he spoke with State Senator Mark Montigny and State Representative William Straus and both were supportive of Acushnet's withdrawal from the district.

"The district has worked out very well for the three towns," said BOH member Robert Medeiros. "We never had any battles with anyone ... we simply intend to get a full-time Health Agent for Acushnet."

With that, the Selectmen unanimously voted to support the Board of Health's efforts to withdraw from the Acushnet/Marion/Rochester Regional Health District. An article will appear on the Annual Town

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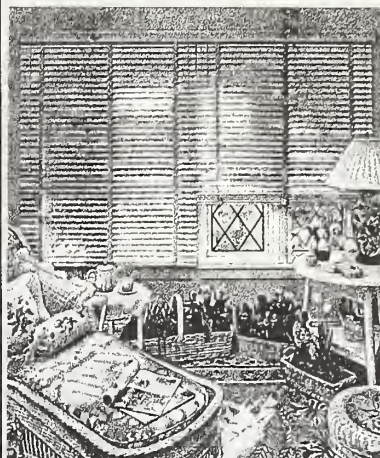
Chairman Hardy next wanted to clear up an issue which recently appeared in the press about the removal and cutting down of trees at the 60 Middle Road property which will be used as a future site of the town's new EMS Facility. "We plan to replace the trees that were cut down," he said. "The Beautification Committee will be selecting trees to replant which won't grow too high (and interfere with the utility wires)."

Selectman Koczera added that an article will be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to allocate funding to replant trees in town. "It has always been this board's intent to replace the trees in town which have been cut down," he said.

At 7:45 pm the board met with Town Clerk Richard Threlfall to discuss having businesses in town register Business Certificates as per state law. Last week, Mr. Threlfall informed the board of this requirement, and the board wanted the matter clarified before endorsing it.

"There is a law on the books which requires businesses to register in town," Mr. Threlfall said, referring to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 110,

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Section 5. "I called (the State House) and was told there are no exceptions. The law is in place and it should be enforced."

Under the law, businesses in Acushnet would have to file for a Business Certificate at a cost of \$20 for a four-year period. Violators of this law shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300 for each month of violation. "The purpose of this law is to protect the consumer ... so they don't get ripped off," Mr. Threlfall said. "We should have a name and address on file for every business operating in town." Mr. Threlfall added that enforcement of the law would probably fall under the Building Commissioner's jurisdiction, since all new businesses are required to meet his initial approval. The board unanimously voted to endorse enforcement of the law.

At 8:00 pm the board opened a hearing upon a request from Richard Elgar, owner of the Hen House Family Restaurant, to extend his hours of operation until 1:00 am every night. This session was a continuation of the initial hearing, and the board wanted to consult the Board of Appeals records regarding Mr. Elgar's initial operating hours. "We've checked into the (Board of Appeals) minutes, and we didn't find any reference to specific hours," Chairman Hardy said. "Town Counsel has advised us that if the Board of Appeals did not set specific hours, then the Board of Selectmen (as licensing authority) will set (Mr. Elgar's) hours."

Mr. Elgar wanted an extension of his current

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operating hours, which are: Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am to 12:00 midnight. He wanted to be allowed to stay open until 1:00 am every night so that he could serve food to "late night" customers.

"I've tried to address any problems which have come up and I've tried to keep everything as requested," Mr. Elgar said. "I went one year without any problems (at my restaurant) and I've proved that I could do it. Now, all I want is to be treated like everyone else in town ... that's all I want."

But Hector Roy, an immediate abutter to the Hen House Restaurant, expressed his concern over many incidents and disturbances which have occurred at the establishment — some of which did not require police attention. As such, he felt the board should keep Mr. Elgar's operating hours as-is. "The business was initially established as a family restaurant in a residential zone," he said. "If you extend (his hours), I think it will create more problems."

Mr. Elgar said that there haven't been any major



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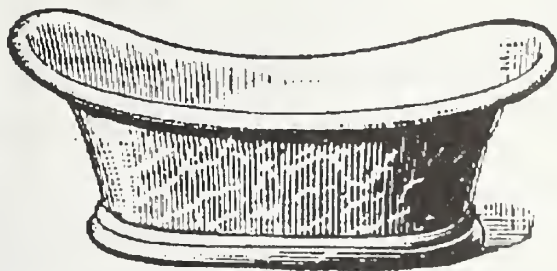
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problems at the Hen House within the last year, and there was one recent incident which he handled without calling the police. "Anytime Mr. Roy has a problem, he can call me," Mr. Elgar said. "I'll do whatever is necessary to correct it."

Rene Racine, another resident who lives near the Hen House, said he agreed the hours should remain the same. "If (Mr. Elgar) hasn't made his money by midnight, he's not going to in the last hour," he said. "Whatever (the Selectmen) decide, they should be considerate of the (restaurant's) closest neighbors."

Selectman Koczera then moved that the board maintain the same operating hours for the Hen House Restaurant and not grant the extension of hours as requested. He added that they will review this decision in six months' time and possibly reconsider the extension. The board unanimously passed the motion. Mr. Elgar wanted to know why the board denied his request.

"My reason is that your establishment is in a residential area," Selectman St. Jean said. "I can't see the validity of allowing a family restaurant to stay open that late."

"In the past, you have demonstrated that you were unable to control the kind of customer you draw," Selectman Koczera added. "I'd be willing to review the case six months from now, and see if things go well. We didn't take your license away because you were good. We did it because things were out of control."

There being no further matters to consider, the board unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:35 pm. The next regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, February 24 at 6:00 pm.

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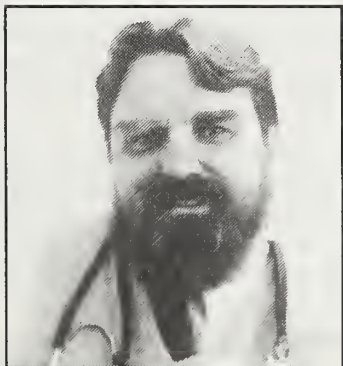
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Coastline Elderly Lunch Menu

Editor's Note: Since area schools are on vacation next week (February 17-21), the menu for the Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program follows. It will return to the Lunch Menu page next week.

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- **Friday, February 21** - Chicken with rice soup, baked macaroni and cheese, parslied carrot coins, rye bread, lemon square.

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Marie Hetzel will explore the natural history of the coyote, a species which is found with increasing frequency in our area. The program will feature an informational discussion followed by an art project. Pre-registration is required — to register or for further information, please call 748-2098 or 748-9089.

Mattapoisett Recycling Reminder

The Mattapoisett Board of Health would like to remind all residents to crush all plastic milk and water jugs before putting them out for recycling. The newspapers should be left in paper bags that can also be recycled or tied with a string. Updated recycling schedules will be mailed out in March.

If you have any questions regarding recycling, please call the BOH office at 758-4112.

Fairhaven Colonial Club

The Fairhaven Colonial Club will sponsor an Historical Tea on Saturday, February 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Colonial Club, 6 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. Rain date for the event will be Sunday, February 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The event is free and is open to the public.

The Historical Tea is a celebration of the town's anniversary. It is held annually by the Colonial Club,

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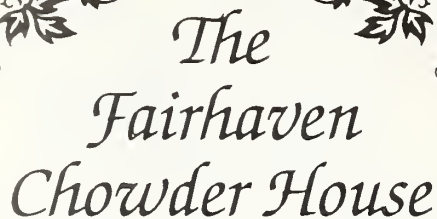
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Fourth Course:

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Fifth Course:

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***Noval**, Ruby Port

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which is located in the Coggeshall Memorial House on Cherry Street. The Coggeshall House was bequeathed to the Historical Commission in 1916 by Martha Coggeshall. The Colonial Club was established in 1911 to prepare for the Town Centennial in 1912. Until 1912 the group met at the Academy Building on Main Street.

For more information, please call Elaine Rocha at 992-2246.

Art Center Show Cancelled

The Marion Art Center's production of "No Exit" by Jean Paul Sartre scheduled for February 13 through February 15 has been cancelled. The play will be rescheduled this summer.

Tobey Hospital Guild

The next meeting of the Tobey Hospital Guild will be held at St. Patrick's Hall in Wareham on Thursday, February 27 at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "Wareham High School Outreach Program" and the speaker will be Dr. Daniel Burke, Principal of Wareham High School. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and all are invited to attend.

Mattapoisett Pro-Am Regatta

Members of the Fourth Annual Mattapoisett Pro-Am Regatta Committee attended Sail Expo, held in Atlantic City January 11 through 19. Deb and Fran Grenon, Sharon Legg, John Kurgan, and Tom Brownell met with prospective sponsors, partners, and volunteers to develop new ideas and events for the upcoming season.

The Pro-Am Regatta will hold a Pre-Launch Party in mid-May and a pursuit-style race in mid-August. The race will take place in outer New Bedford/Fairhaven harbor. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

For more information, please contact Fran Grenon, American Cancer Society Regatta Committee, P.O. Box 944, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Rochester Council on Aging

- Monday, February 17 - Town Hall Closed (Presidents' Day);
- Wednesday, February 19 - Shopping (two trips): 8:30 and 10:15 am (Shaw's, Stop & Shop);
- Thursday, February 20 - Podiatry Clinic (Dr. Sarah Derosier) 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at Town Hall (appointment a must);
- Saturday, February 22 - SHARE Pick-Up at Town Hall, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (packages cannot be held as there is no refrigeration);
- Monday, February 24 - Trip to Vanity Fair Shopping Outlet and Lunch at 99 Restaurant;
- Tuesday, February 25 - AARP Meeting, 1:00 pm at Town Hall;



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- LUNCH is served every Tuesday and Thursday at the Church Vestry at 11:45 am. Cost is \$1.25 (reservations a must). BOWLING is every Wednesday at 9:00 am (please call Evelyn Benner).

Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship

The Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship applications are now available through the guidance office of the following high schools: Old Rochester Regional High School, Tabor Academy, Bishop Stang, and



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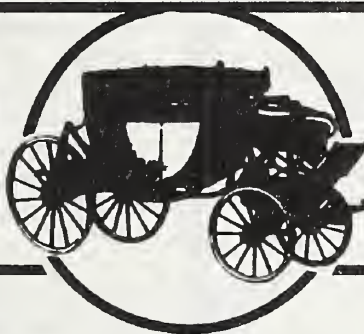


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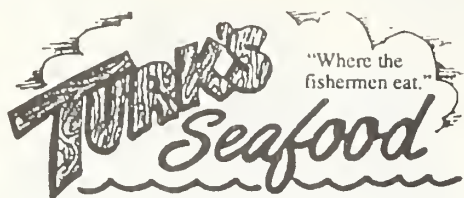
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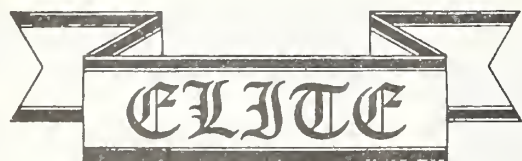


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Acushnet Council on Aging

Senior Center

The Senior Center is open daily from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Meals will be served daily Monday through Friday at 11:45 am. Anyone in need of transportation should call 998-0280 for a ride.

Games

Bingo will be held on Monday and Wednesday after lunch. Scrabble will be played every Tuesday from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

Shopping

Shopping trips will take place on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 am.

Blood Pressure

A Blood Pressure clinic is offered every Wednesday at 9:00 am.

Senior ID's

Senior ID photographs will be taken daily from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. ID pictures are taken for demand and response service for SRTA.

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The SHINE Coordinator will be available at the Acushnet Senior Center on Thursdays for a walk-in appointment between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be held every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Hope Street. All are encouraged to join the group.

Pharmacy Assistance

Prescription drugs are available for eligible seniors. Please call 998-0280 for an application.

Diabetes Clinic

Diabetes test will be conducted on February 26. Please call 998-0280 to make an appointment.

Seminar

A seminar on Medicare will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 11:15 am to 11:45 am at the Acushnet Senior Center.

Tax Assistance

Tax assistance is available to seniors by appointment-only on Friday. Please call 998-0280.

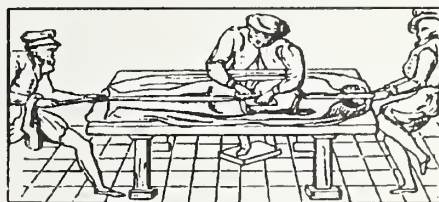
Mattapoisett Fire Log

The following are log excerpts for January, 1997:

- January 2 - Bowman Road (carbon monoxide call)
- January 2 - Route 195 West (car fire)
- January 2 - Pines Office Complex (assist police)

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- January 4 - Mattapoissett River/Railroad Bridge (oil spill)
- January 5 - Mattapoissett River/Railroad Bridge (second day/oil spill)
- January 6 - Route 6/Prospect Road (motor vehicle accident)
- January 7 - Mattapoissett River/Railroad Bridge (third day/oil spill)
- January 9 - Little People's College (box alarm)
- January 10 - YMCA Camp (structure fire)
- January 10 - Angelica Avenue (chimney fire)
- January 11 - Herring Run (oil spill)
- January 12 - Field Street (carbon monoxide call)
- January 13 - Main Street (code enforcement)
- January 14 - Route 6/Aucoot Road (motor vehicle accident)
- January 15 - Melissa Ann Drive (burning without permit)
- January 21 - County Road (smoke scare)
- January 22 - Route 6/Martin Avenue (power outage)
- January 23 - Marina (reported boat fire)
- January 23 - Driscoll Lane (oven fire)
- January 27 - Prospect Road (unattended permit fire)
- January 29 - Little People's College (box alarm)
- January 29 - Acushnet Road (motor vehicle accident)
- January 29 - Angelica Avenue (chimney fire)
- January 30 - Fairhaven Road/Shaw Road (motor vehicle accident)
- January 31 - County Road (carbon monoxide call).

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American Legion - Mattapoissett

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold its second Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, February 15 at 5:00 pm at post headquarters on Depot Street in Mattapoissett. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased by calling John DeCosta at 758-2310, or Michael Lamoureux at 758-9311.

The next American Legion Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30 pm at Legion Hall.

ORR District Global Fair

The Diversity Committee for the Old Rochester Regional School District will be hosting a Global Celebration on Tuesday, March 18. This event has been funded in part by the Local Cultural Councils of Mattapoissett, Marion, and Rochester. These councils are funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The



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featured presenter for the Global Fair is Areyto, a Boston-based musical group that brings together an exciting program using the music of Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. The goal of the celebration is to heighten awareness of diversity issues for students in Grades 7 through 12. The event is being organized by teachers, students, parents, and community members.

The Old Rochester Regional High School Global Fair Committee seeks volunteers to prepare their favorite ethnic foods for the March 18 Global Fair. Donate samples of ethnic desserts, main dishes, or side dishes. Please call Carla Cafarella at 758-3745 if you can help.

Miniature and Collectible Show

The Mattapoisett Firefighters Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Miniature and Collectible Show on Sunday, April 27 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The event will feature over 60 tables of displays including dolls, doll houses, miniatures, ships, circus displays, die cast toys, car models, Garfield, diecast farm models, model trucks and fire apparatus, NASCAR collectibles, horses, and Ringling Brothers "N" scale.

The Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary is entering its 26th year of service to the community. This non-profit organization aids the fire department during emergencies, provides scholarships to area youth, shops for the needy at Christmas, provides toys to burn victims,

and houses and feeds emergency workers during storms.

A great scale model and collectible show for the whole family to enjoy, the event will help support the Auxiliary's scholarship funds and is the group's main fund raiser for the year. Admission is \$2 per adult, \$1 for seniors and children (5 to 12 years old). A family pass may be purchased for \$5. Light refreshments will be available at a reasonable rate. Tickets are available at Seaport Village on Route 6 in Mattapoisett, at the door during the show, or by calling Elaine at 758-6548 or Janet at 758-2355.





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Dog Licenses

1997 Dog Licenses have arrived and are available during regular working hours in the Acushnet Town Clerk's office. Town By-Laws state that all dogs must be licensed before April 1. The fee schedule is: \$9 for all unaltered dogs; \$6 for each spayed or neutered dog. All owners must present a valid certificate of rabies inoculation for each dog before a license can be issued.

Voter Registration

The Acushnet Town Clerk's office will be opened extended hours on Tuesday, February 18 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm so voters can register for the Special Town Meeting on February 27.

Annual Town Election

Nomination Papers are now available for the Acushnet Annual Town Election to be held on April 7. The last day to take out Nomination Papers will be Friday, February 14 at 5:00 pm. Nomination Papers are furnished only to candidates or to their representatives presenting signed authorization. All Nomination Papers must be signed by no less than 35 registered voters.

The last day to submit Nomination Papers to the Board of Registrars for certification is Tuesday, February 18 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to file Nomination Papers with the Acushnet Town Clerk is Monday, March 3 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to file an objection to the Nomination Papers with the Town Clerk is Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to withdraw nomination by filing a written request with the Town Clerk is also Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 pm.

The deadline to register to vote in the Annual Town Election is Tuesday, March 18 at 4:00 pm. Special



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Following are the offices and candidates whose terms are up for the April 7 election: Board of Selectmen, 3 years (Everett L. Hardy Jr.); Board of Assessors, 3 years (George H. Perry Jr.); Board of Health, 3 years (Gerald L. Toussaint); School Committee, 3 years (Mary Ellen Viera and Patricia Scott); Commissioner of Trust Funds, 3 years (Howard Plaud); Trustees of Free Public Library, 3 years (Alfred H. Robichaud); Cemetery Board, 3 years (Paul H. Fortin); Park Commissioners, 3 years (Donald J. Guenette); Housing Authority, 5 years (Mary Niemic and Mary E. Ouellette); Planning Board, 5 years (Marc Cenerizio); Board of Public Works, 3 years (Rene Racine and Albert R. Rivet).

For further information, please contact Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall at 998-0215.

Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club

Following are upcoming trips slated for the Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club, which are open to all interested travellers:

- April 28 through May 2 - Five Days in Ocean City, Maryland. Includes Springfest, cruise, two shows for \$299 double occupancy.

- May 1 - Venus De Milo Trip for lunch, masquerade, entertainers. Price is \$26.95 per person (you can drive your car to the Swansea establishment).

- May 13 through May 15 - Three Days at Summit Lodge in Vermont for sightseeing, entertainment, and meals. Price is \$219 double occupancy.

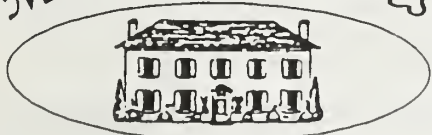
- July 14 through July 18 - Trip to Prince Edward Island. Includes sightseeing and entertainment for \$469 double occupancy.

For flyers or further information on any of these trips, please call Florence at 748-1918 or Jean at 758-6470.

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





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New local enterprises are encouraged to advertise. Questions, as well as requests for forms to the above address, will be answered promptly. Many advertisers successfully use their business cards or current ad cuts, however, a new ad may be created at a minimum extra charge to the very reasonable basic rate. Both John and Claire Russell are willing and able to give helpful advice on ad format and wording.

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Income from the LWV Directory helps finance the League of Women Voters' local programs, particularly its Voter Service activities.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Tai Chi

Tai Chi will begin on Friday, March 7 at 4:00 pm. The cost for the six-week course is \$21. You must register in advance by calling 758-4110.

Pen Pals

Pen Pals are needed for the Old Hammondtown School. Please call 758-4110 to sign up.

Flower Show

There will be a bus trip to the Boston Flower Show on Wednesday, March 12. You must sign up and pay by February 14. The cost is \$12.

Exercise Group

An Exercise Group will meet at the Mattapoisett Senior Center on Tuesday at 9:00 am. Please come and join in as the group stretches and bends!

Tax Assistance

There is Tax Assistance available by appointment on Monday at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. Please call 758-4110 to make an appointment.

St. Patrick's Party

A St. Patrick's Party will be held on Friday, March 14 at 11:30 am in the Mattapoisett Senior Center. You will need a ticket to attend. There will be a luncheon with entertainment to follow. Please call 758-4110 to get your tickets.

Rochester Zoning Enforcement

Attention Rochester residents: Rochester's Zoning Enforcement Officer, Bruce A. Maksy, Sr., will investigate any zoning violation notice which is submitted in writing and signed. Please be advised that anonymous notices and letters will not be addressed.

Sippican School - Marion

Colonial Celebration

On Friday, February 14, Mrs. McLaughlin, a quilting lady, will visit Mrs. Almeida's class at Sippican School as a culmination to their study of the Revolutionary War. She will give the students a background on quilting. The students will also be making some colonial crafts such as embroidering hearts, tin punch lanterns, and cornhusk people.

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It sounds as though your neighbor may be right. Fleas do die when they are outside in the winter but can live quite happily in your heated home all year round. It may be necessary to spray your home for fleas at the same time that you treat your pets to resolve a winter flea problem. Be aware that flea bombs do not penetrate under tables, chairs, couches, etc. You will need to use a surface spray to reach these areas. Consider using Advantage on your pets. It is safe, effective and one application lasts about a month.

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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School on February 26 and 27. Sessions will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, and on Thursday, February 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. At this time, parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten program, registration forms will be processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with the School Adjustment Counselor.

A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration to include verification of lead screening and Hepatitis-B vaccination and other immunizations. A copy of each student's original birth certificate will be taken. Information and forms have already been mailed to the parents of prospective Kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Ms. Hulton between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm at 748-0100.

Adopt-A-Road in Acushnet

Acushnet Board of Public Works has unanimously approved Acushnet Citizens Together Improving Our Neighborhood (ACTION's) Adopt-A-Road proposal. Patterned on the Commonwealth's Adopt-A-Highway program, ACTION undertakes to police for litter at least once a month from April 1 to November 30 on all of Lake Street and Peckham Road to the town line. The town will supply safety vests, trash bags, and litter wands and will erect a sign at either end of the route indicating that it has been adopted by ACTION. The organization will provide the volunteers. Members and others who would like to join this community endeavor may register by calling 763-2488 or 995-3069.

Memorial School - Rochester

Valentine's Day

On Friday, February 14 (Valentine's Day), all students and staff at Memorial School will be wearing red and white as part of the Student Council's plan of having Spirit Days each month. The suggestion for Spirit Days came from several students to the council and they worked to develop a plan for the monthly celebrations. The RMS Student Council is led by Grade 6 President Shannon Rounseville, Grade 6 Vice President Amanda Sousa, Grade 5 Assistant to the Vice President Andy Couto, and Grade 5 Secretary Danika Sharek.

The Valentine's Day will end with a Winter Gathering for students in Grades 4 through 6 from 3.00 to 4:30 pm. The gathering is designed to have students in

different grade levels meet in a relaxed setting and talk and socialize positively. Staff members will socialize, supervise the refreshment tables, and play some music, but most of the event's work was done by the Student Council officers and representatives.

Kindergarten Registration

Rochester Memorial School Kindergarten Registration will take place the week of March 17. A Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be held on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm. Please call 763-2049 for further information.

Fairhaven High School

Spanish Class

Ms. Carol Kaner's Honors Spanish Class has been brewing up local good will ... the coffee variety, that is. Fairhaven resident Donald Spooner, who frequently orders coffee from Puerto Rico, recently used Ms. Kaner's "Honors" 5 class to translate a document on the cultivation of coffee in that country. This was somewhat difficult because of the unique terminology used in the coffee industry, as well as the various dialects employed.

Mr. Spooner expressed his appreciation with a generous donation to the Spanish Club Scholarship Fund, and with an ample supply of fresh Puerto Rican coffee, which was enjoyed by the class.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club at FHS is organizing a trip to



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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Dante's disastrous plotline peaks with comical eruption

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ **Dante's Peak.** Starring Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton. Directed by Roger Donaldson. Running time: 112 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 8 in New Bedford.

Dante's Peak is great fun, but for all the wrong reasons. Here is a movie that cries out for the *Mystery Science Theater 3000* treatment, with the guy and the two robots sitting in the corner of the frame and keeping up a steady stream of sarcasm. The best part is that Universal spent \$115 million on what they're marketing as a scary disaster movie. Afraid not. Once it gets going (and it takes a good hour), *Dante's Peak* has more belly-laughs per minute than *The Nutty Professor*.

The movie begins seriously enough. Intrepid geologist Harry Dalton (Pierce Brosnan) and his sweetheart are driving away from an erupting volcano. A smoldering chunk of rock slices through the cab roof — *thwack!* — and the girlfriend will never need a hat again. Cut to four years later. Harry is now a workaholic trying to forget his grief; you can tell because he spends his spare time doing really intense push-ups.

Harry is summoned to investigate a possibly cranky volcano near the thriving town Dante's Peak, which is declared "the second best place to live in America." (Why not the first best? Oh, I don't know — maybe the dormant-volcano thing.) The mayor (Linda Hamilton), a divorcee who seems to have adopted the

kids from *Jurassic Park*, makes goo-goo eyes at Harry while he's trying to explain that Dante's Peak may soon become the second best place to find crispy corpses in America.

Volcanology must be tedious work — all that waiting around for the thing to blow — and I admire the integrity of director Roger Donaldson and writer Leslie Bohem, who keep *Dante's Peak* defiantly boring for at least an hour. Just when we're starting to feel like geologists watching rocks erode, the thing finally blows. Boy, does it blow. The volcanic effects, particularly a highway crumbling and cars falling like loose change, do manage to be fairly frightening. But then the movie accidentally takes a sharp detour into comedy, never to return.

Up to this point, *Dante's Peak* has been a pale Xerox of *Jaws* (the town officials don't want to scare away tourists and investors) and *Twister* (Harry has a team of volcano-chasers). But this movie, rather bravely I thought, declines to offer a plot motor like "Kill the shark" or "Get the balls into the tornado." What we get instead is Grandma and Ruffy the dog.

I'll try to explain. The little kids' stubborn grandmother (Hamilton's "ex-mother-in-law") refuses to believe that the volcano is dangerous. Even when volcanic ash blackens the sky, she won't leave her mountainside cabin. So our heroes go through Dante's inferno to rescue this moron and her dog.

I won't reveal much more; I don't want to give away all the jokes. But the scene set in a boat in an acid lake is a comic masterpiece, ending in the funniest unintentional sight gag (involving poor Grandma, who apparently refuses to believe that *acid* is dangerous) I've seen in years. Not to mention Harry's heartfelt, hilarious promise to take the kids deep-sea fishing when all this is over.

Dante's Peak is a truly special movie. I can't recommend it, but it has my undying affection.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.

Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (February 14) through Thursday (February 20)

Absolute Power (R) — Fri: 5:00, 7:30, 10:00;

Sat-Thu: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Beverly Hills Ninja (PG-13) — Sat-Thu: 12:15, 2:30

The Pest (PG-13) — Fri-Thu: 5:00

Scream (R) — Fri-Thu: 7:15, 9:30

Vegas Vacation (PG-13) — Fri: 4:30, 6:45, 8:45;

Sat-Thu: 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 8:45

Fools Rush In (PG-13) — Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:45;

Sat-Thu: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45

Dangerous Ground (R) — Fri: 4:30, 6:45, 8:45;

Sat-Thu: 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 8:45

Shine (PG-13) — Fri: 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sat-Thu: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

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■ GENERAL CINEMA 8

Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.

Movie Line: 999-3141 / Office: 999-3142.

Friday (February 14) through Thursday (February 20)

Metro (R) — 6:40, 9:10

Evita (PG) — 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30

101 Dalmatians (G) — 2:00, 4:20

Dante's Peak (PG-13) — 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

Star Wars (PG) — 1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40

Jerry Maguire (R) — 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30

That Darn Cat (PG) — 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

The Beautician & The Beast (PG) — 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40

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Interact Club

A record amount of money — over \$600 — was raised during the holiday season by the Fairhaven High School Interact Club. All proceeds went to local charities.

Shamrock Shindig in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Firefighters Auxiliary will again sponsor a "Shamrock Shindig" this year, back by popular demand. The event will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Donation is \$7 per person and music will be provided by D Best D.J. Tickets can be obtained by calling Gail Nicholson at 758-9064 or at Seaport Village.

Rochester Woman's Club Scholarship

Applications for the Rochester Woman's Club Scholarship are available in area high school guidance offices. Consideration will be given to high school seniors from Rochester who plan to further their education. All applications must be returned to guidance offices by April 1. For further information, please call 763-2735.

Gong Show in Acushnet

The ever-popular Gong Show to benefit the Acushnet Community Center will be held on Saturday,

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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 3 through February 9, 1997:

- Nestles Lane – prowlers
- Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Cushman Street – harassment
- Main Street – humane call/injured animal
- Lague Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Middle Road – humane call/injured animal
- Main Street – missing person (child)
- Middle Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Nye Avenue – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/summons issued (negligent operation of motor vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident)
- Cushman Street – vandalism
- Jean Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Hope Street – vandalism
- Tobey Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Marion Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- John Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- John Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Gammons Road – humane call/injured animal
- Acushnet Post Office – vandalism
- Cleveland Street – vandalism
- Hathaway Road – vandalism
- Fairway Drive – kidnapping/summons issued (abuse of prevention order)
- Main Street – disturbance/noise

complaint

- Greenmeadow Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run.

■ FAIRHAVEN

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 4 through February 10, 1997:

- David Drown Boulevard – disturbance/gang
- Huttleston Avenue – larceny
- Spring Street – domestic violence
- Main Street – vandalism
- Atlas Street – burglary/breaking and entering
- Middle Street – vandalism
- Pleasant Street – larceny
- Raymond Street – larceny
- Alden Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Sciticut Neck Road – disturbance/loud noise
- Sawyer Street – adult arrest (larceny in building)
- Main Street – assault
- Hathaway Street – vandalism
- Fairhaven Commons Way – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (warrant, drug violations)
- Main Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence, operating with revoked license)
- Sciticut Neck Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- Sciticut Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
- Highland Avenue – assault
- Howland Road – adult arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle)
- Howland Road – adult arrest (warrant, motor vehicle offenses)
- Narragansett Boulevard – vandalism
- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (warrant, larceny by check)
- Center Street – disturbance/gang
- Route 6 – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Hitch Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – larceny

- Middle Street – breaking and entering/dwelling
- Middle Street – disorderly conduct
- Bridge Street – burglary/breaking and entering
- Fairhaven Bridge – domestic violence
- Chamber Street – breaking and entering/dwelling
- North Street – larceny
- Gillette Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 6 – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Wendy's – vandalism
- Ocean Avenue – threats
- Green Street – animal complaint.

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 2 through February 8, 1997:

- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – suspicious person
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle complaint
- Spring Street – disturbance
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- South Street – vandalism/past
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (warrant, larceny from person)
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (default warrant, possession of Class D substance)
- Pumping Station Road – animal complaint
- Rocky Knook Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pinewood Drive – officer wanted
- Point Road – civil complaint
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating after license revoked, default warrant, motor vehicle violations)
- Spring Street – civil complaint
- Stoney Run Lane – family disturbance.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 4 through February 11, 1997:

- North Street – motor vehicle violation (speeding)
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity/person
- County Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Ned's Point Road – vandalism/property damage
- Park Street – trespassing
- County Road – simple assault
- North Street – motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
- County Road – suspicious activity/persons
- Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – returned property
- Fairhaven Road – liquor law violation
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Water Street – vandalism/property damage
- County Road – motor vehicle violations
- Brandt Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 4 through February 11, 1997:

- Old Schoolhouse Road – officer wanted
- Wolf Island Road – alarm
- Mary's Pond Road – road hazard
- Sarah Sherman Road – suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Deerfield Terrace – larceny
- Rounseville Road – motor vehicle hit deer
- Perry's Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Alley Road – alarm
- Parlowtown Road – trespassing
- High Street – suspicious activity
- Stuart Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Stuart Road – vandalism.

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Adoptable Animals

The local chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc. has several cats available for adoption this week. "Asia" the double-pawed tortoiseshell featured in last week's edition, is still available. If interested in this two-year-old female, please call Jackie at 758-4690.

Other available cats this week include a four-month-old orange tiger male who is a real love, along with "Peaches," a long-haired buff-colored female who is 7 months old, and her sibling (a long-haired tiger male). If interested in seeing the three aforementioned offerings, please call Linda at 992-7499.

Animal Umbrella is still hoping to adopt a mom and son declawed pair who are black and white, short-haired about 2 to 3 years old. The owner is moving into elderly housing where they are not welcome. These cats would prefer a quiet adult home. Another declawed listing this week is an almost-all-white female young adult. Also available is a 10-month-old calico who loves people, kids and other animals. Her owner is also moving. A few pure bred adults are also available.

Animal Umbrella's trappings project is going well with ten cats having been neutered and vaccinated. They are now faced with a new problem and are appealing to area residents once again. Many of the cats they have brought in are not feral and it is so hard to release them back into this kind of situation. They are beautiful and

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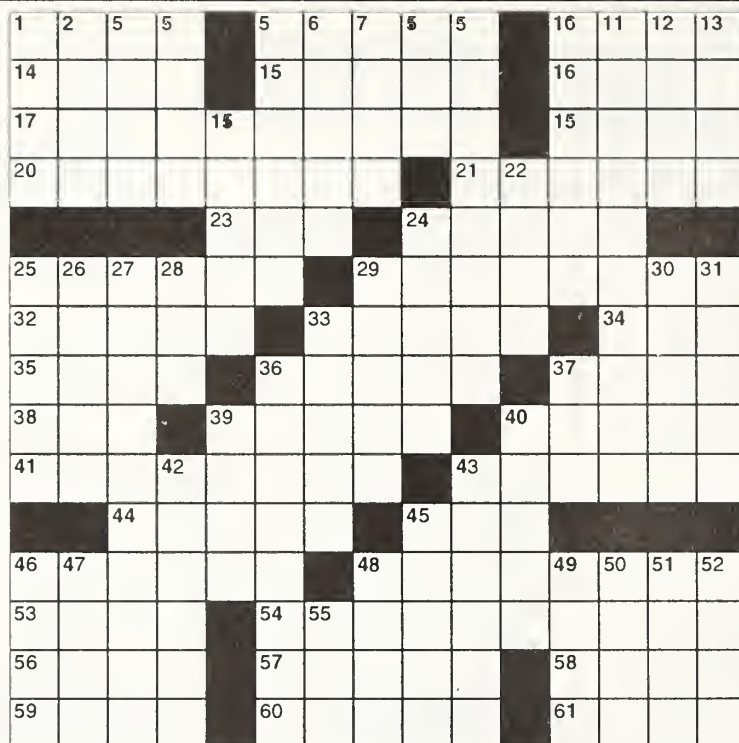


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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Your friends will spur you to great heights. Follow their advice, especially one very smart person. Do all your most important and creative things now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Race around getting lots of important stuff done. If you don't, somebody you know is liable to have a fit. Go along with a supervisor's unusual assignment.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). This is a marvelous time for traveling, learning foreign languages or presenting your doctoral dissertation. Rely on a friend's experience.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Finances require your attention. Apply for that loan you've been thinking about. Heed an older person's advice to become more successful.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). A partnership or legal matter could turn out very well for you. Play with a passionate foreigner and learn a fun, new game.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Spend money on supplies that will help you do your job. These are good days for getting a raise or increase in your allowance.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your luck in love is awesome. If you're not already crazy mad about at least one person, you will be soon.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Decide all the major and minor domestic issues and you won't have to think about them again for years. Your workload's intense.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're able to concentrate better than usual. Take on that project you've been thinking about.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could have a major influx of money or other valuables. Spend some of it on your domestic environment.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are awesome. You're lucky, imaginative and quite good looking. Your mental and physical reflexes are lightning-fast.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel like the weight of the world is on your shoulders. Pay fees and untangle a bureaucratic mess. Let a friend come to your rescue.

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The group's next Kitty Adoption Day will be February 23 at Denise's Pet Care Center on Route 6 in Mattapoisett from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.

At the Fairhaven Animal Shelter there are several dogs awaiting adoption, including a collie mix, a medium-sized white and black setter female, a male shepherd and several more. Please call Kristin at 979-4028 to make an appointment to view them.

Animal Umbrella is also still searching for a building to rent or lease to house the kittens awaiting adoption. They do have ten foster homes but when they are full they have to refuse so many who need immediate shelter until being adopted. They hate to say "there's no room at the inn," but very often they are forced to do just that. If you know of any possibilities, please call one of the following Animal Umbrella representatives:

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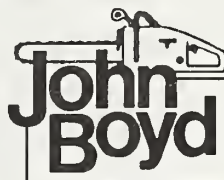
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<p>A POWERFUL PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer, to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory, thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer for three consecutive days. After three days, the favor requested will be granted, even if it may appear difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mentioning the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. J.M.H.</p>	<p>ST. JUDE'S NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You, St. Jude. A.J.C.</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following appeal and applications:</p>
<p>ST. JUDE'S NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You, St. Jude. J.M.H.</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICES</p>	<p>Appeal of Michael A. & Christine E. Gabriel of 73 Fairhaven Road, MA 02739 re property located at 75 Fairhaven Road. The appellants are seeking a change of use from a dry cleaners to an accounting office as provided by prior Board of Appeals Decision #398. The property is further described as Lot 120, Plat 17 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. #788</p>
<p>A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in her hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. J.M.H.</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #662. Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Dorothy A. Manny, 595 New Bedford Road, Assessors plan 31, lot 34, who is seeking a special permit under Section VII D.6. of protective by-laws to allow the operation of a business in an agricultural/residential district. Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 1997 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Charles Wolf, Chairman 2/7, 2/14</p>	<p>Application of Philip C. Barrett and Rebecca L. Barrett of 1238 North Street, Suffield, CT 06078 by George E. Eldridge Trust re property located at the corner of Prospect Road and Sippican Lane. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section VI.B.2, and VI.C.1 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a single-family dwelling on a lot that does not meet the required area, frontage, or proposed setbacks. The property is further described as Lot 126, Plot 5 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 1997 at 7:20 p.m. #789</p>
<p>THANK YOU SO MUCH ST. JUDE FOR ANSWERING MY PRAYERS. LMR</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #663 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Floyd & Glenn Hutchings, Leonard & Janice Francoeur owners, 409 New Bedford Road, who are seeking a special permit to operate a business in an agricultural/residential district under Section VIII C.2.d of protective bylaws. Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 1997 at 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Charles Wolf, Chairman 2/7, 2/14</p>	<p>Application of Sarah C. Bauman by Christine Bauman of 7 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 7 Water Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section VII.B.2 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the use of the front portion of the dwelling at 7 Water Street to become an art gallery to include work by the occupant and other local artists. The property is further described as Lot 103, Plot 9 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 1997 at 7:40 p.m. #790</p>
<p>ST. JUDE'S NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You, St. Jude. L.N.</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at 7:15pm in the Town Hall on the Request for Determination submitted by Frontier Realty Trust, Leonard Gregoire, Trustee. The proposed project is to accept a delineation of wetlands as previously approved by Mass D.E.P.. The project is located at Melissa Anne Lane and is further identified as lot 7T on Assessor's Map 20. Mattapoisett Conservation Commission 02/14</p>	<p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, William D. Armitage, Chairperson Jeffrey R. Chase Nancy L. O'Brien Robert Bertrand Girard F. Oliva 2/7, 2/14</p>
<p>ST. JUDE'S NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You, St. Jude. C.S.</p>		

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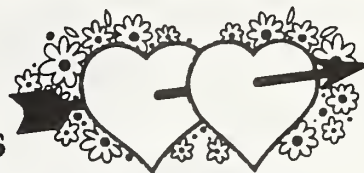
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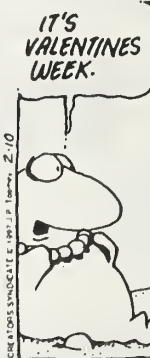
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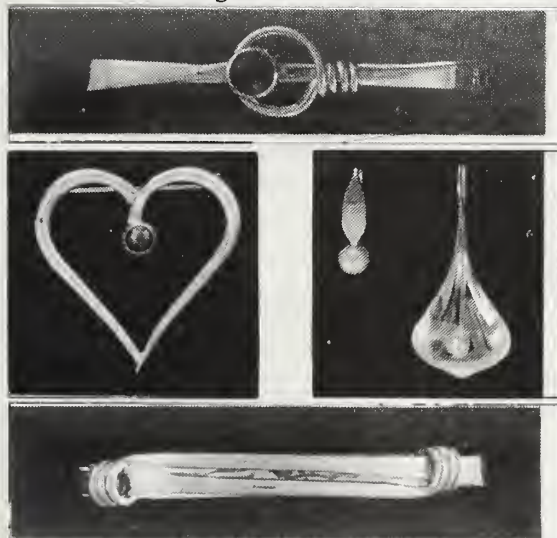
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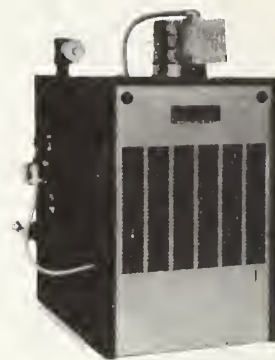
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February 14:	Fri.	1:07	1:34	7:11	7:14
February 15:	Sat.	2:08	2:35	8:40	8:33
February 16:	Sun.	3:08	3:35	10:05	10:57
February 17:	Mon.	4:06	4:30	11:05	10:57
February 18:	Tues.	4:58	5:19	11:49	11:41
February 19:	Wed.	5:45	6:05	...	12:22
February 20:	Thur.	6:28	6:47	12:16	12:48
February 21:	Fri.	7:09	7:27	12:46	1:11
February 22:	Sat.	7:48	8:06	1:15	1:36
February 23:	Sun.	8:27	8:45	1:45	2:03
February 24:	Mon.	9:05	9:23	2:17	2:32
February 25:	Tues.	9:42	10:02	2:50	3:03
February 26:	Wed.	10:21	10:42	3:25	3:38
February 27:	Thur.	11:02	11:26	4:03	4:16
February 28:	Fri.	11:49	...	4:47	5:00
March 1:	Sat.	12:17	12:44	5:37	5:52
March 2:	Sun.	1:16	1:46	6:36	6:53
March 3:	Mon.	2:20	2:51	7:45	8:03
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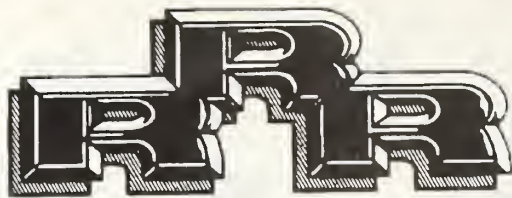
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